

Convocation

for the Public

Conferring of Degrees

FORM OF PROCEDURE



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PROCESSION

A. Juniores priores.—Procession (in double file); involutes at entrance to Convocation Hall. Audience stands during entrance of precession and remains standing until the Chancellor has reached his place and sits down.

B. Order of Procession:—

1. Graduands: B.A., B.Sc. in Arts, B.Sc., M.D., LL.B., M.A., M.Sc.
2. Members of Convocation:—Bachelors, Masters, Doctors.
3. Staffs, Principals and Presidents of Affiliated Institutions:—Preparatory Schools, Normal Schools, Professional Societies, Colleges.
4. University Staff—juniores priores.
5. Senate.
6. Board of Governors.
7. Guests of honor, including (a) candidates for honorary degrees (the latter to be accompanied by those who present them); (b) Ministers of the Crown.
8. Vice-Chancellor and Minister of Education.
9. President and Prime Minister.
10. Chancellor and Visitor.

THE INVOCATION

The Invocation shall be pronounced in rotation by the Principals of the affiliated theological colleges, and shall consist of the following prayer written for the purpose by Principal Oliver, Saskatoon:

"Most Gracious God and Father in Whom dwelleth all fullness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may have a true conception of Thy will. Convince us by Thy Grace that Thou hast made us towards Thyself and that our hearts will find no rest till they find rest in Thee. Be pleased to bestow Thy choicest blessing on every school of learning that strives to lead men into a larger life. Grant that the Students and Professors in this University may ever study to be helpful, may cease not to be patient in the search for truth, and in the midst of doubt and difficulty to abide steadfast, undismayed. Give us grace always to employ our talents to the profit of this province, the advancement of this Dominion of Canada, the glory of our Empire, and the advancement of Thy Kingdom. Give unto them who today go forth from this University, that no pursuit of glory, gain or wealth, that no desire for knowledge of things vain and hidden, that no envy or sloth or indifference nor any other creature may be able to separate them from whatsoever things are true and honest and just and pure. Hear us of Thy mercy through Him Who taught us when we pray to say 'Our Father, Who are, etc.' "

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Degrees are conferred by the Chancellor with the consent of the Senate on the recommendation of the Faculty Councils. The Registrar, as Secretary of the Senate, requests permission of that body for the admission of the candidates; the Dean, as representative of the Faculty Council, presents them; the President, representing the University, receives their pledge of loyalty and fidelity; the Chancellor admits them to the degree. The Chancellor remains seated during the ceremony except when he rises to admit a Master or Doctor. On his right are the Visitor and guests of honor; on his left, the President. Candidates are presented for degrees in the following order: Bachelors, Masters, Doctors, Honorary Doctors. In each case, degrees in course precede ad eundem degrees; professional degrees precede higher; junior Faculties precede senior .

The ceremony comprises four parts: Petition, Presentation, Pledge, Admission. The Pledge is not required of those proceeding to the same or a higher degree.

THE PETITION

The Registrar addresses the Chancellor and Senate in these words:

"Eminent Chancellor and Gentlemen of the Senate, I present to you the petition of the Faculty Council of this University that the candidates whom I shall name, having fulfilled all the requirements of the statutes, may, with your permission, be admitted to the degrees to which they are entitled:—

"To the degree of Bachelor of Arts,

(Then follow the names in full, those of women first.)

The Senate replies, "Granted."

THE PRESENTATION

The Dean, followed by the candidates, approaches the Chancellor and the President from the left and presents the candidates with these words:—

“Eminent Chancellor and President, on behalf of the Faculty of Arts (etc.) I present to you these scholars (Bachelors) and ask that you will admit them to the degree of Bachelor (or Master) of Arts.”

For ad eundem candidates the following form is to be used:

“Eminent Chancellor and President, I present to you this Bachelor of Arts in the University of (Toronto) and ask on his behalf that you will admit him to the same degree in this University.”

THE PLEDGE

The President, then rising, addresses the candidates in these words:—

“Do you promise faithfully to observe and loyally to maintain the statutes, customs, privileges and liberties of this your University? Do you pledge your honour that when you become a member of Convocation you will vote only for those whom you surely know or firmly believe to be fit and proper persons to share in the government of this University? Do you solemnly promise to conduct yourself in all things loyally and faithfully to the honour of your University, the encouragement of learning and the good of your country?”

Each candidate replies: “These things I pledge myself to do.”

THE ADMISSION

The Chancellor then addresses the candidates in these words:—

“By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Legislature of this Province, and with the consent of the Senate of this University, I consent to admit you to the degree of Bachelor (Master) of Arts, and to invest you with all the powers, rights and privileges pertaining to that degree, and I charge you to use them for the glory of God and the honour of your country.”

Then the Dean repeats the words “I present to you—— (giving the candidate’s name in full),” and the candidate kneels and places his hands between those of the Chancellor. Then the Chancellor says, “I admit you” and the Registrar places the hood over the candidate’s head. Hereupon the Bachelor rises and passes to the Chancellor’s right.

When a Master or a Doctor is being presented the Chancellor rises, and shaking hands with the candidate, thus admits him to the degree.

The ceremony for the admission of an Honorary Doctor should indicate the desire to do honor to a distinguished guest. The petition to the Senate should be omitted, the pledge not exacted. The presentation is made by a member of the University especially appointed for that purpose. In making the presentation he should refer to the eminent services of the guest as reasons why the University delights to do him honour. The Chancellor says, “In recognition of your illustrious public services (or eminent services to Science or Literature) I desire on behalf of this University to confer upon you the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws and to

express the hope that our country (or Science, or Literature, or Arts ,etc.) may continue for many years to be enriched and ennobled by the devotion of your great gifts." Then the Chancellor shakes his hand, welcoming him to membership in the University. This is followed by the signing of the roll of Honorary Doctors.

RECESSION

The recession will be led by the Chancellor and Visitor, and the audience will remain standing until the recession has left the Convocation Hall.

